to enable the poor to become agents for their own development: Thus, there is need for changing responsibilities.

(d) The suggestions made in the group reports will be made use of as inputs by various training and research programmes in the Institute as well as policy inputs by the Government whenever found to be appropriate.

Funds allocated during Ninth Plan for implementing EAS and JGSY

4376. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to various States during Ninth Plan for implementing Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana;

(b) the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the achievement made thereon in those years especially in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The position of funds allocated and utilised under the Employment Assurance Scheme and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana since 1997-98 upto 2000-2001 is given in the Annexure *[See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 32]

Loss to Textile Industry in earthquake in Gujarat

† 4377. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any high level study has been conducted by his Ministry regarding heavy loss suffered by textile industry in Kutch and other districts of Gujarat due to earthquacke;

(b) if so, the total loss suffered by textile industry in the State;

(c) whether any special scheme has been formulated by the Ministry for restructuring textile industry in Kutch and other districts;
and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No Sir. No high level study has been conducted by the Ministry of Textiles. However, it is understood that Gujarat Sheep & Wool Development Corporation (GUSHEEL), a state Government organisation, has conducted a survey mainly in Kutch district to assess the loss suffered by cottage textile industry due to earthquake.

(b) According to the survey conducted by GUSHEEL in the Kutch district 50% of 1190 looms are completely destroyed and the balance have suffered severe damage. In addition, there have been losses of raw materials and finished products as well. Also according to NTC, their mills in Gujarat have suffered a loss amounting to Rs. 34.60 lakh because of earthquake. The loss to private mill industry is not estimated to be substantial.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Textiles has taken a number of important steps in regard to rebuilding the textile industry in Gujarat including Kutch. Some of these are as follows:—

(i) A sum of Rs. 4.60 crore was sanctioned to Government of Gujarat for construction of 2000 Rural workshed-cum-houses.

(ii) Share capital assistance of Rs. 50 lakh was sanctioned to Gujarat Handicrafts Handlooms Development Corporation to provide marketing support as also for providing input/ raw materials to the artisans of the affected areas;

(iii) 5000 Artisans in the affected areas were to be provided worksheds by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and necessary tool kits and assistance by organisations like Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts;

(iv) Looms and working capital assistance under Deen Dayal Hatkargha Protsahan Yojana would be provided by suitable relaxation of the scheme.